

REMARKS

Claims 32-45 have been cancelled. New claims 46-66 have been added and remain in the application. New claims 46-66 are supported by the specification as filed and do not introduce new matter. New claims 46-66 are consistent with the election made in response to the restriction requirement dated May 16, 2006.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Specifically, the Examiner states that claims 34, 35, 37, 40 and 45 include features not shown in the drawings. In addition, claims 34, 35, 37, 40 and 45 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraphs, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. These objections and rejections are made moot by the cancellation of claims 32-45.

Please note that the new claims specify that the touchpad or input device is “divided into a plurality of spatially distinct zones, each of the input zones having a corresponding indicator for generating a distinct user input signal when the rotational input device is depressed in the region of the input zone.” This configuration is shown in the drawings and described in the specification. For example, see Fig. 5 and the description on page 16, line 14- page 17, line 28 of the specification.

The rejection of claims 32-45 under 35 USC 102(b) is made moot by the cancellation of claims 32-45.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and

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authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no.

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